(c) Rs. 1,000/-

(d) completion of the project will depend upon availability of resources in the coming years.

[*Translation*]

Fire Arms to Forest Guards

4244. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide fire arms to forest guards for security purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the States where such arms are provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). A centrally sponsored scheme 'Development of Infrastructure for Protection of Forests against Biotic Interference' is under implementation in all the State/U.Ts. Under the scheme, the States are provided financial assistance for procurement of fire arms in addition to transport and communication equipments.

[*English*]

Economic and Geographic Study of Bihar

4245. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:
SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University of Delhi has been asked to prepare a research paper on the economical and geographical condition of Bihar with the foreign aid;

(b) if so, the progress of the work at present and the time by which its publication is likely to be available;

(c) whether universities of Bihar or Bihar Research and Development Council has been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the advice received from them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Health Programmes

4246. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the voluntary organisations engaged in implementing various health programmes, State-wise; and

(b) the financial assistance provided to such organisations separately since 1989 for each of the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Olchiki Script

4247. SHRI KRISHNA MARANDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the script of language of